

## Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board

### Template for delegations commenting on the draft country programme documents

#### 2022 second regular session

*Draft country programme document commenting period (except for the draft CPD for Gabon): 14 June to 5 July 2022 [18:00 EST]*

*Draft country programme document for Gabon commenting period: 17 June to 11 July 2022 [18:00 EST]*

Delegations are kindly invited to use this template to share their comments on the draft country programme document being presented to the Executive Board during the forthcoming session.

Delegation name: *USA*

Draft country programme document: *Nigeria*

In accordance with Executive Board decision [2014/1](#), draft country programme documents are considered and approved in one session, on a no-objection basis. All comments received by the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board before the deadline stated above will be posted on the Executive Board website, and considered by the requesting country, in close consultation with UNICEF.

	Delegation's comments	Response(s)
<b>General comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The United States fully supports the strategy of improving routine immunization services by leveraging successes of polio immunization programs and by utilizing key resources of the COVID-19 vaccination supply chain. We encourage UNICEF to take advantage of other already-existing vaccine infrastructure.</li><li>• We ask UNICEF to use gender-sensitive strategies for the prevention and treatment of HIV given the disproportionate rates of HIV among young women.</li><li>• The United States appreciates the focus on nutrition in the Country Programme Document. Please comment on UNICEF's involvement in the rollout of the Global Action Plan for Child Wasting Framework, as Nigeria is a frontrunner country. How will UNICEF expand its approach to include moderate wasting and wasting</li></ul>	

	<p>prevention? The plan currently says the expansion will only include stunting prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We ask UNICEF to include exclusive breastfeeding as a specific nutrition strategy and program priority given the emphasis placed on the first 1,000 days of life.</li> <li>● UNICEF notes a unique advocacy role with the Government of Nigeria around nutrition goals. How will UNICEF help the government better position capacity and financing to fill out the supply chain of RUFs for treatment of wasting? How will UNICEF leverage local suppliers of RUFs in nutrition approaches?</li> <li>● We strongly recommend UNICEF undertake a learning exercise about effective Cash for Nutrition approaches to inform social protection programming options for whole-of-Nigeria investments</li> <li>● We appreciate that UNICEF will implement programs according to principles of accountability to affected populations (AAP), if needed as a service provider. We urge UNICEF to play a leadership role in system-wide collective AAP at the country level, to advocate for and to build capacity for AAP, even when UNICEF is not directly implementing.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Comments on specific aspects of the draft country programme document</b></p>	<p><i>(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework.</i></p>	